



Indiana Department of Education

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendent and Charter School Sponsors

FROM: Melissa K. Ambre, Director
Office of School Finance

SUBJECT: Survey of Consolidated Purchasing and Shared Services- Reminder of July 31, 2009 deadline

DATE: July 21, 2009

The July 31 deadline is fast approaching for school corporations and Educational Services Centers to electronically file the Survey of Consolidated Purchasing and Shared Services as required by IC 20-42.5. The Department must annually conduct a survey of consolidated purchasing and shared services. The language further requires the State Board of Education to annually survey school corporations to determine actions taken by each school corporation to allocate resources to student instruction and learning. The Board will issue a report no later than November 1 of each year that includes the following information:

1. Consolidated purchasing arrangements used by multiple school corporations, through Education Service Centers, *and throughout Indiana*;
2. Shared services arrangements used by multiple school corporations, through Education Service Centers, *and in the state as a whole*;
3. The efforts of school corporations to explore cooperatives, common management, or consolidations.

Additionally, Educational Service Centers must report to the State Board of Education, no later than August 31 of each year, the results of the efforts of the centers activities relative to purchasing and cooperative agreements. Each Service Center is to report on behalf of their respective members.

All corporations were asked to complete the survey via the web between June 15 and July 31, at the following address: <https://dc.doe.state.in.us/DOEOnline/Main.aspx?pageid=252> Please select the tab for School Finance.

If you have questions regarding this survey, please contact the Office of School Financial Management toll free at 866-234-1414 or locally at 317-232-0840.